

REMARKS

The Advisory Action dated August 26, 2005, and the previous Final Office Action have been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 19, 39, and 40 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Claims 20 and 41 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-19, 21-40, and 42-50 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 19, 32, and 40 are independent. Claims 1-18 and 32-39 have been allowed, and claims 19, 20-31, 40, and 42-50 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

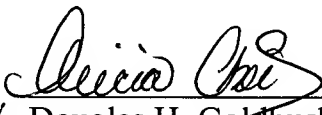
Claims 19, 24, 40, and 49-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), and claims 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons previously submitted, but respectfully submit that these rejections are moot in view of the amendments to the claims.

Claims 20-23, 30-31, and 41-48 were objected to because they were dependent on rejected base claims 19 and 40. Base claims 19 and 40 have been amended to include all the limitations of claims 20 and 41 respectively, and claims 20 and 41 have been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 19 and 40 are presently in condition for allowance, and therefore that claims 21-23, 30-31, and 42-48 are also in condition for allowance.

As noted previously, claims 1-18 and 32-39 were indicated as allowable. It is further submitted that each of claims 19, 21-31, 40, and 42-50 recite subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 1-19, 21-40, and 42-50 be allowed, and that this application be passed to issue.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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